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Title:	PRINTER SECURITY KEY MANAGEMENT		

DECLARATION OF PRIOR INVENTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir/Madam:

This Declaration is submitted to establish prior invention of the subject matter of the present patent application. The persons making this Declaration are the inventors, Mark M. Josephsen, Curtis Reese, and Shane Konsella.

Accompanying this Declaration are Exhibits A through J to establish conception of the subject matter of the present patent application in the United States prior to the earliest effective date of July 10, 2002 of the Partelow et al. U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0008842 coupled with due diligence from a date prior to the earliest effective date of the Partelow Publication up to the filing date of the present patent application (i.e., constructive reduction to practice).

Exhibit A (5 pages) includes a copy of HP Invention Disclosure No. 100202485 submitted by the inventors and received by the HP Legal Department prior to the earliest effective date of the Partelow Publication. This invention disclosure (entitled SymmetricKeyManager) describes subject matter of the present patent application.

Exhibit B (1 page) includes a copy of an email dated March 13, 2002, a date prior to the earliest effective date of the Partelow Publication, from the Intellectual Property Section of the HP Legal Department to the inventors informing the inventors that their invention disclosure (entitled SymmetricKeyManager) has been assigned HP Patent Docket Number 100202485, and has been placed in the active disclosure list so that it will be reviewed at the next Patent Coordinator Meeting for their division. The patent coordinator review meetings occur at spaced intervals of time based on the availability of the required attendees, and based on there being a sufficient number of invention disclosures available for review.

Exhibit C (1 page) includes a copy of an email dated January 15, 2003 from the Intellectual Property Section of the HP Legal Department to the inventors informing the

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inventors that the decision has been made to pursue patent protection and prepare a patent application for their invention (i.e., Invention Disclosure 100202485) for filing in the US Patent and Trademark Office.

Exhibit D (3 pages) includes a copy of a letter from HP Attorney James R. McDaniel to patent attorney Richard E. Billion of Schwegman, Lundberg, Woessner & Kluth, P.A. dated January 15, 2003 requesting a quote of the cost to prepare a US patent application based on HP Invention Disclosure No. 100202485-1 (i.e., the present patent application).

Exhibit E (1 page) includes a copy of a Request for Quote and Engagement Letter Agreement dated January 15, 2003 for the preparation of a US patent application based on HP Invention Disclosure No. 100202485-1 (i.e., the present patent application). The agreement was signed by patent attorney Richard E. Billion of Schwegman, Lundberg, Woessner & Kluth, P.A. on February 14, 2003, and signed by HP Attorney James R. McDaniel on February 19, 2003.

Exhibit F (1 page) includes a copy of an email dated June 18, 2003 from paralegal Dawn M. Poole of Schwegman, Lundberg, Woessner & Kluth, P.A. to the inventors forwarding a draft of the patent application based on HP Invention Disclosure No. 100202485-1 (SLWK No. 1683.035US1) (i.e., the present patent application).

Exhibit G (1 page) includes a copy of an email dated June 19, 2003 from inventor Curtis Reese to co-inventors Mark Josephsen and Shane Konsella forwarding the draft of the patent application (with his comments) based on HP Invention Disclosure No. 100202485-1 (SLWK No. 1683.035US1) (i.e., the present patent application).

Exhibit H (1 page) includes a copy of an email dated June 20, 2003 from inventor Shane Konsella to co-inventors Curtis Reese and Mark Josephsen regarding the draft of the patent application based on HP Invention Disclosure No. 100202485-1 (SLWK No. 1683.035US1) (i.e., the present patent application).

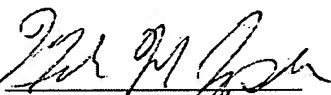
Exhibit I (1 page) includes a copy of an email dated August 20, 2003 from HP Legal Administrative Assistant Betty Hinkle to paralegal Dawn M. Poole of Schwegman, Lundberg, Woessner & Kluth, P.A. noting that the patent application based on HP Invention Disclosure No. 100202485-1 (i.e., the present patent application) has been reviewed and approved for filing.

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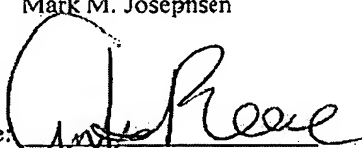
Exhibit J (1 page) includes a copy of an email dated October 7, 2003 from HP Legal Administrative Assistant Betty Hinkle to the inventors requesting signature of the inventors on the Declaration and Assignment papers for the patent application based on HP Invention Disclosure No. 100202485-1 (i.e., the present patent application) in order to begin the filing process. Subsequently, on November 3, 2003, the patent application based on HP Invention Disclosure No. 100202485-1 (i.e., the present patent application) was filed.

From these exhibits, it can be seen that the subject matter of the present patent application was conceived in the United States prior to the earliest effective date of July 10, 2002 of the Partelow et al. U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0008842 coupled with due diligence from a date prior to the earliest effective date of the Partelow Publication up to the filing date of the present patent application (i.e., constructive reduction to practice).

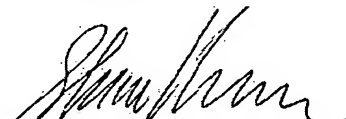
As a person signing below, I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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